

### COLUMBARIUM VISITS AND BOOKINGS UNDER PHASE 3 HEIGHTENED ALERT

Please note that the Columbarium will be opened for visitors with effect **from Mon 21 Jun 2021**. Opening hours are **Monday to Friday 9.30am to 6.00pm** (last booking at 5.30 pm) and **Saturday 9.30am to 12.30pm** (last booking at 12 noon) only. It will be closed on Sundays and Public Holidays.

To schedule your visit, please visit our website ([www.holyfamily.org.sg](http://www.holyfamily.org.sg)). Maximum group size will be 5 persons per group, with a maximum number of 3 groups for each half-hour time slot.

### PRIVATE PRAYER TIME UNDER PHASE 3 HEIGHTENED ALERT

We will be opening the Church for the above on the followings days & times: On **Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Fridays from 4.30 pm to 5.15 pm and 7.30 pm to 9.30 pm; Sundays from 12.45 pm to 4 pm, except Public Holidays.**

Should there be other activities being conducted in Church during the above times, the Private Prayer Time will be cancelled.

**Visitors to both the Columbarium and Church must use either the TraceTogether App or Token for check-in. We will deny admission to visitors who do not use these devices.**

### CATECHESIS PRIMARY ONE REGISTRATION 2022

Catechesis enrolment for Primary One (2022) is open for registration now. Parents may either submit an online registration form: <https://bit.ly/RegisterHFC> or obtain a hard copy at the parish office (catechist pigeon-hole).

### RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS (RCIA): AN INVITATION

**An invitation to non-Catholics:** are you searching for meaning in your life, searching for God? Have you been thinking of joining the Catholic Church? You are invited to come and see what the Catholic Church teaches through a process called the RCIA. Through this process, you are guided and cared for as you are gradually introduced to Catholic belief and way of life.

**Calling baptised Catholics:** help bring others to faith in Christ! Do you have friends you would like to introduce to the Catholic faith? Invite them to the RCIA in our parish. Live out your baptismal calling by serving as a sponsor in the RCIA to accompany and support others in their journey of faith. Make a difference in your own faith life and in the lives of others by registering as a sponsor. Training will be given.

**The next RCIA journey begins on 23rd June 2021.** Registration forms for sponsors and inquirers are available in the parish office, or by request at [chf.secretariat@catholic.org.sg](mailto:chf.secretariat@catholic.org.sg).

### PRIMARY 1 REGISTRATION UNDER PHASE 2B (26 AND 27 JULY 2021)

Catholic parents are eligible to register their children under this phase. Priority for registration under Phase 2B is for a child of a baptised Catholic parent. Requirements: One parent has to submit the baptism certificate as evidence of Church membership. If the Baptism Certificate is not in English, it is mandatory to have it translated into English and certified by a parish priest in Singapore or a notary public.

### A CALL TO TEACH IN A CATHOLIC SCHOOL (21 JUNE TO 16 JULY)

Attention all MOE educators! If you are interested in answering the call to teach in a Catholic School, or if you want to receive news and resources about Catholic education, join our mailing list. Fill up the form accessible via the QR code.



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### Mass Times

#### Weekdays:

6.30 pm (Mondays to Fridays)

**9.00 am (Public Holidays)**

#### Saturday Sunset Masses:

3.45pm & 5.30pm (English)

#### Mandarin Mass

8.00 pm (1st & 3rd Saturdays)

#### Sunday Masses:

7.45am, 9.30 & 11.30am & 5.30 pm

Weddings: Apply at Parish Office at least 1 year in advance

~~ All activities and events remain suspended ~~



### GET IN THE BOAT

The boat is a frequent symbol used by the church. Through the centuries, and even to this day, the church is tossed about in the turbulent seas of life. Yet, it is Jesus who calms our fears with the simple gesture of his hand. Saint Augustine, who commented on today's Scriptures in the fourth century, said, "Jesus Christ dwells in you through faith. Faith present in your heart is Jesus Christ present. Watchful faith is Jesus Christ watching. Sleeping faith is Jesus Christ asleep. Therefore, wake him up, arouse yourself and make this prayer, 'Teacher...we are perishing' (Sermon 81:8).

### 12th Sunday in Ordinary

Time

June 20, 2021 - YEAR B

Sunday Missal Page No:

741

### Sunday Missal Readings for next weekend – 27 June

Wis 1:13-15 2 Cor 6:7,9, 13-15 Mk 5:21-43

## **MESSAGE FOR 12TH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME, 20TH JUNE, YEAR B, 2021**

There seem to be two lessons being taught in today's readings.

During these Sundays we are reading from Mark's gospel. In his gospel he brings the reader through a process by which the real identity of Jesus is gradually revealed.

### ***Crossing the lake***

In today's passage he tells his disciples to cross over in a boat to the opposite shore of the Lake of Galilee. (In John's gospel this scene follows immediately on the feeding of the 5,000 when the crowd got very excited and wanted to make Jesus their king. In case the disciples might have got similar ideas themselves, Jesus packs them off in their boat where they soon come face to face with real life.) They get into the boat and, we are told, there were some other boats accompanying them. (This seems to have some significance for the second part of the teaching.) The Gospel also says they left the crowd behind them. The crowds frequently gather around Jesus but they are not really numbered among his followers. They listen to him, they marvel at his miracles but they are at the most only potential followers. They are never really with him. To which group do I belong: the inner circle committed to being with Jesus or just a hanger-on seeing what I can pick up for myself?

### ***A threatening storm***

As they made their way across the lake, a storm suddenly blew up. It is said that the Lake of Galilee is notorious for these sudden storms. Large waves were breaking over the boat and filling it with water. Naturally, the disciples were very afraid and thought their boat was going to sink. But, through it all, Jesus was fast asleep at the back of the boat, apparently either oblivious or totally uncaring about their situation. In a panic, they wake him up: "Master, do you not care? We are going down!" Jesus wakes, rebukes the wind and speaks to the sea: "Quiet now! Be calm!" The wind dropped and all was perfectly calm again. Then it was their turn to be scolded. "Why are you so frightened? How is it that you have no faith?" And now they were even more afraid as they gaped at him in awe and wonder: "Who can this be? Even the wind and sea obey him."

### ***I the Lord of sea and sky***

They know that it is only God who can control the wind and the sea and the other elements. That is the theme of the First Reading, taken from the Book of Job. We have here the awe of the ancients before the power of the sea and an acknowledgement that God is Creator and Lord of the sea and the waters.

The Responsorial Psalm echoes the fear of sailors in those times in their frail sailing boats before wind and wave. Men of faith had no difficulty seeing the power of God in power of wind and wave. The words are perfectly applicable to the disciples in the boat. "Who can this be? Even the wind and sea obey him?" They begin to put two and two together. Only God has power over the seas but Jesus has exercised exactly that power before their eyes.

Was that storm a mere accident? Was it both started and stopped by the same person

so that the disciples could learn an important lesson about Jesus?

But wait! Now, it is Jesus who is doing all this! There can only be one possible explanation. Jesus has the power of God; Jesus has the nature of God. No wonder they are filled with awe and fear of the man in front of them. The mystery of Jesus' identity is gradually being unfolded before their eyes.

### ***Image of the Church in the world***

However, our Gospel today seems to contain another teaching as well. We can read the story as a kind of parable or allegory of the Church and especially of the early Church but also of the Church in many places in our own time. We can see the boat, here and in other parts of the Gospel, as symbolising the Church. And in fact, as was mentioned above, there are a number of boats, representing the different churches or church communities in different places. Each one has to deal with its problems in its own way. In one boat are the disciples of Jesus and Jesus is with them. The water all around them represents the world. The Church then was like a small, fragile boat in a huge and often hostile world. Sometimes storms broke out and threatened the boat-Church. The early – and also the subsequent – Church suffered many persecutions and movements determined to wipe it out.

### ***Where is Jesus?***

And, in such confused and frightening situations these small church communities must have been tempted to ask: where is Jesus? He seemed to be so far away; he seemed to be asleep; he did not seem to care what was happening to them. Nevertheless, their communities continued to exist. In their prayers they realised that Jesus was still with them. And then they began to experience an inner peace. They came to realise that the storm was not in the sea but in their own fears and anxieties. The peace, too, was in their own hearts. Because the world around them was still the same, it had not changed, it continued to persecute and oppress them. It was they themselves who had changed and had regained their confidence and trust in Jesus' care for them.

### ***The peace only he can give***

Perhaps we at this time in our lives or in our society are experiencing some kind of fear or anxiety. Maybe we see some threats looming on our horizon. We badly need the peace of Jesus. Very often we have no control over the political and social developments of our society; we have little or no control over what other people are doing. But, no matter what we are experiencing, we can – with the help of Jesus – find peace. It is the peace which only he can give. And it is a peace which no person and no thing can take away from us.

~ *Living Space*

## **GIFT CONTRIBUTIONS**

This weekend is the collection for the GIFT (Giving in Faith and Thankfulness) programme to build a more vibrant, evangelising and missionary Church. Sign up for a monthly pledge, the most sustainable source of funding for the archdiocese, to support its organisations and projects. Or give regularly via PayNow to 201231391K (include name and mobile no. or email). GIFT envelopes can be dropped into the collection box/bag. More info at catholicfoundation.sg.